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'I have devoted my professional life helping to empower students to fulfill their dreams and to attain the goal of a college degree. It is my passion!'

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A passion for students

Diane Strawbridge ('80, '02M) began her Madison Experience as an undergraduate. Today she is director of student retention for the JMU Centennial Scholars Program and has been a part of the Harrisonburg community for 35 years. During those years, she has dedicated herself to mentoring JMU students from underrepresented backgrounds. A special challenge came her way when she became the director of the university's Centennial Scholars Program. The program offers financial help, academic encouragement and campus involvement for promising freshmen and transfer students from underrepresented populations. In addition, graduate students in the program provide mentorship, leadership and encouragement. She attributes her interest in helping students to lessons learned during her undergraduate studies in psychology. And she says the master's degree she earned at Madison prepared her for leadership, problem solving and critical thinking, which are vital components in her current position. Strawbridge's caring assistance has made a difference in the lives of students and prepared them for the opportunity to Be the Change in their own lives.

Diane Strawbridge ('80, '02M) has a passion for helping students attain their dream of a college degree. She enjoys serving more than 200 students in JMU's Centennial Scholars Program, which was founded in 2004 to add diversity to the campus and to change the world one student at a time.

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